

PREPARING FOR CONVENTION SCRAPS

Primary Campaign Is Beginning to Pall a Little.

"ROASTS" TIRESOME
President Is Ready to Struggle to the End.

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(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Here at the Capital people are already girding themselves for the national convention. After all, those Republican primary combats are getting a little monotonous. It is interesting enough to hear a President of the United States declare that an ex-President of the United States is mistaken, or that his memory is at fault, or for an ex-President of the United States to retort that a President of the United States ought to know better, or knew that it was not true when he was saying it. But in this exciting and excitement loving age even such interchanges as those pall upon the interest when too frequently reiterated. We political folks do not want a steady diet even of a Republican President and a Republican ex-President calling each other liars.

But Chicago! ah, there is where the fur will fly. Taft has as good as a majority of the delegates now, if he can only hold the delegates that started off for him and can keep a majority of the national committee at his back. Mind you the President will fight on, right through the primaries in Ohio and New Jersey, right on through the meeting of the national committee at Chicago; right on through the convention itself. So closest friends say.

Fighting Hard.

He is mighty slow about starting. One has to build a fire under the President to get him going but that is the kind of men who are relentless when once they are in motion. The President did not want to come out into the open and denounce his predecessor, but now he is at it he proposes to keep telling his story to the American people and doing the utmost he can to prevent Theodore Roosevelt from succeeding him in the White House.

Roosevelt has contested so many delegates from so many States, even on flimsy excuses, that he evidently fully intends carrying the fight right into the national convention. The meeting of the national committee accordingly promises to be the hottest and most exciting affair that the national committee has had ever, which is saying much. Washington is now looking forward to that event. It is only about three weeks before the members of the national committee will be starting away to Chicago, which means that a goodly number of Republican representatives and senators will go for almost a score of them are members of the committee and will be the leaders and chief advisers in the program to be followed there. It is bound to come down to the point where the verdict of this national committee will go far toward deciding the nomination for the Presidency and the sessions for ten days or two weeks, while the contests are being heard can but have an important bearing upon the situation.

Chance for a Scrap.

When the national committee has decided upon the contests, the report is made to the temporary organization of the convention and the delegates whom the national committee favors are a part of this temporary body. But there is opportunity for a prolonged struggle before the convention itself, if the losers insist upon having a detailed hearing. True the temporary organization may cut these contestants off, but there is a chance that two or three days, or even a week if the struggle becomes a very bitter one, will be consumed before the convention is permanently organized and made ready for a nomination.

The Democrats do not like any such prospect. They would prefer to know who the Republican nominee is and what the Republican platform is before they decide upon a platform and a nominee for themselves. More than that they would like a little time to intervene to see what the public sentiment may be upon the work the Republicans have done.

Ordinarily a national convention lasts for about three days. The Republican convention at Chicago will assemble Tuesday and under normal conditions would adjourn the following Thursday. The Democratic convention is scheduled to meet just one week after the Republican convention assembles—Tuesday, June 25. Thus far there is small prospect of any squabbling over seats by the Democratic delegates. Hardly the shadow of a contest has yet been suggested. There may be none at all, in which event the Democratic national committee will have no work at all to do in making up the temporary roll, beyond whatever there is of a routine character.

Washington opinion still is that Taft will be renominated. If he is it seems very certain that Roosevelt will fight his reelection. If Roosevelt is nomi-

DIRECT PRIMARY PROMISES PILIKIA

ED TOWSE DECLARES THAT GOVERNOR FREAR IS OPPOSED TO PRESENT PLAN.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)
"Direct Primary" promises to be a head-on before the rules committee of the Republican party, for the statement was made at its meeting last night that Governor Frear is not in favor of the primary bill which was introduced in the last legislature, passed by the house but killed by the senate, nor in favor of Towse's substitute bill No. 222, but in favor of the Berkeley system. The statement of the Governor's opinion was made by Ed Towse.

Very little light was thrown on the subject of the direct primary, the members present being considerably divided on the matter, and considerable criticism was directed against party men elected to the legislature on a platform containing a direct primary plank, who voted against the measure when it reached them.

Mr. Towse, a member of the last legislature who voted for the primary measure as introduced by the party, did so because it was a party measure. He offered a substitute, however, and stated he has never been in favor of the direct primary. He believed the convention system of naming candidates was more directly in line with the wishes of the people. His experience in other States did not lead him to believe that the voters gave expression to their wishes as to candidates more freely than under the present convention plan. He said he had seen Governor Frear and Attorney General Lindsay in regard to his bill 222. They were not in favor of it, but the Governor gave preference to the Berkeley system, believing it would work better in Honolulu than any other. Mr. Towse felt that because of this preference his own pet measure had been pigeonholed. Towse did not favor the Berkeley system. In Oregon, there had been four different elections because of the recall.

Mr. Towse suggested that substitute bill 222 be inserted in the platform this year.

Mr. Breckons favored the preferential system for precincts wherein voters could express their preference for candidates for office. Mr. Castro opposed this plan on the ground that many complications would arise. He did not believe it afforded a remedy for present evils. Mr. Breckons said he would like to see the preferential system put into operation this fall.

William Thompson of the rules committee gave some inside history concerning the direct primary plank in the last platform. The platform committee was considerably divided on the subject and it was only after a hard struggle that it was finally inserted, but only as to Oahu, to see how it would work out.

Chairman Crabbe believed the preferential plan belonged to the legislature and not to the party and its rules. It would be more effective to prevent fraud if the legislature enacted the proposal into a law, which would then govern both or all parties.

A. Q. Marcellino championed the direct primary law as the only measure which would give fair play to the voters. His conclusion was that the people wanted it, but there are people in the Territory, who are running the politics of the party, who don't want to see it inserted either in the rules or in the law. E. Buffandeau was of the opinion that the majority of the people did not want such a law.

Mr. Castro said the last convention unanimously voted for a direct primary law. The people will vote for it again. Many of the people elected to the legislature did not seem to regard their promises made before nomination as a promise at all.

"I believe a plebiscite on the direct primary would give a majority of two or three to one in favor of it," remarked Mr. Breckons.

CAPTAIN HALSTEAD IS TO COMMAND THE CALIFORNIA

SEATTLE, May 23.—Captain Alexander Seaman Halstead, former commander of the Pensacola, which was recently burned in San Francisco harbor, left here today for the Orient to join the Pacific fleet in Philippine waters and take command of the California, Admiral Southerland's flagship, which was commanded until recently by Commander Terhune, formerly chief of staff under Admiral Thomas, and at present commander of the Pennsylvania.

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM.

When your shoulder is so lame that every movement of your arm pains you severely you may know that you have muscular rheumatism. Prompt relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm and massaging the affected parts with the palm of the hand at each application. Do not use your arm any more than is necessary for a day or two as every movement tends to aggravate the disease. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

It is equally certain that all the influence President Taft can exert will be toward preventing Roosevelt from being elected. The President's course undoubtedly will be about what Cleveland's was in 1892, when Bryan had been nominated for the presidency. Without openly opposing the Republican cause that year Mr. Cleveland gave the Republicans a lot of aid and comfort. That is about what President Taft would do, if Roosevelt gets away with the goods at Chicago. All these prospects do not seem very cheering to the Republicans who want their ticket to win this year. But such things must be expected when a President and an ex-President get out into the open and call one another hard names.

SEE, THE CONQUERING HERO COMES!



BRING ON THE REST OF THEM!

BILLBOARDS BLUFFING IN ORDER

NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE A LOSING FIGHT

"Just as soon as my present contract with the Pioneer Advertising Company is worked out, I will use billboards no more," stated another outdoor advertiser yesterday, explaining that he, as agent and in agreement with certain local dealers, could not immediately cancel his billboard advertising contract. "My contract has some months to run yet," he said, "but when it is out it is done with forever."

Every indication of late has tended to show the signal success that is attending the antibillboard fight being made by the Honolulu women, even those who have heretofore opposed the fight against the boards declaring that the proprietor of the business had vested rights that should not be confiscated, showing a willingness now to talk of possible compromises that might be made or of possible legislation that could be passed, limiting what practically all now agree is a detriment to the city from a tourist and scenic standpoint.

FATHER ROUGIER SENDS WIRELESS MESSAGE TO CITY

Father Rougier, 159 miles from Honolulu Tuesday afternoon, communicated with this city through the Manchuria telling Father Valentin that all was well aboard the Luka on its way to the islands to the southward. This is the first long distance test of the wireless apparatus on the schooner and the message received here shows that the work of Father Valentin in installing the small instrument was well done.

It was just before the sailing of the Manchuria that the operator picked up the call "LK" and took the message which followed although he did not know what the signature meant as he knew of no station or vessel which had those two letters as its call. He asked one of the local customs officers what vessel it could be and the Luka was at once supplied by his informant.

Father Rougier is going to Christmas Island to look it over thoroughly, and if everything looks well he will probably purchase the island. He will buy no other islands before visiting them as he did recently.

CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN TO SEEK THE NORTH POLE

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, May 22.—Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, arrived here today and publicly announced that he is planning and preparing to head an expedition into Arctic waters for the purpose of rediscovering the North Pole, which will leave for San Francisco for the far north in 1915.

SUGAR TRUST TRIAL.

NEW YORK, May 22.—In the sugar trust case today, Haysmeyer's Colorado representative, Chester B. Morse, described the ousting of Bontelle from the presidency of the Windsor company and the stripping of authority from him. An attempt is being made to show that the trust crushed competition.

The billboard men are being pushed so hard that they are being forced to bluff in order not to show the greatly falling off in business. The bluff is shown most plainly in the methods which are being used in connection with the Sherwin-Williams Paint ads, which have been ordered down. The billboard men have refused flatly to paint the space they occupy on the boards to be paid for and could be rented over again to other advertisers if the business called for the space. Not only will the billboard men refuse to paint the signs out, but they have actually gone to the expense of repainting them, in order to bluff the public into thinking that the story in the Advertiser of their recall was untrue.

E. O. Hall & Son have repeatedly asked that the signs come down, but the only response is their repainting. This, in view of the antibillboard fight and the effect of that fight upon the trade of those using the billboards, is decidedly unfair to this firm.

WAITING ON THE COAST FOR WHISKERS TO COME OUT AGAIN

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)

Some of the Shriners of Aloha Temple came home yesterday, fresh from the scene of their triumphs, but some dallied in San Francisco and the price of hair vigor and capillary tonics has gone up, up, up in all the Coast drug stores. When sailing eastward, Honolulu and wives behind them, it seemed a regular lark for all the bewhiskered and bemustached Nobles to disguise themselves by taking a clean shave and springing new faces, smooth as soft boiled eggs, on their Coast friends. But, there came a day when home and mother loomed large on the horizon and then the thought of those smooth, boy faces, minus the blades, grew disturbing. A few decided to brave it out and catch the steamer; the majority agreed that discretion was the better part of valor and decided to carry a while some thousand miles away until their facial adornments could get at least ten days' start of the barber. This is the reason why yesterday's steamer brought so few of the festive Shriners back to Happy Honolulu.

OUTFITS ON TRANSPORTS.

On the Logan which is now en route to Honolulu and San Francisco there are two regiments coming back from service in the Philippines, and on the July transport there will be two regiments also. These regiments are not at their full strength as there are many men who have left them to join the "colonial army" for permanent station in the Philippines.

MRS. ROSE PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF SEVENTY THREE

Mrs. Mary A. M. Rose, mother of Charles Rose and Miss E. Charles, died yesterday at the age of seventy-three, and will be buried Friday morning.

CAMPAIGN FUND PUBLICITY UP

BRECKONS' PLAN COMES BEFORE REPUBLICAN RULE COMMITTEE—OPPOSITION.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.)
Whether the Breckons plan to give publicity to campaign funds contributed to the Republican party shall become a rule of the party for the coming campaign or be left to the convention, is a question which the rules committee of the party had under discussion last night.

The publication of campaign contributions and expenses, however, does not meet with the entire approval of the rules committee, nor of some of those who attended last night's meeting. Chairman Crabbe stated that while he was campaign manager several years ago contributors made additions to the fund, but on the promise that their names should be kept secret. Another reason was because certain people made contributions to both parties.

To this statement Mr. Breckons replied that if they did not then wish for the publication of the amounts and donors it was because they were ashamed. In the opinion of Mr. Breckons it was un-Republican and unfair to the voter not to have the contributions made public. "The very evil aimed at is to see where the money goes and from what sources funds are contributed to back this or that candidate, a matter which the candidate wishes to know," said Mr. Breckons.

It was the opinion of A. D. Castro that the majority of contributors would agree to the plan proposed. "I believe they believe in right," said Mr. Castro.

The question of funds and their use brought up the question of campaign management, which Ed Towse claimed was misdirected in every campaign to the detriment of many candidates. He believed the present system of selecting a campaign committee or executive committee, was wrong. They are now chosen without any regard for their qualifications.

The candidates in sole council should have something to say as to who should run their campaign. The six legislative candidates of the fourth district and the six from the fifth district should have some say as to who will run their affairs during the campaign. In the last campaign the legislative candidates were left to shift for themselves.

"I suggest that the candidates shall name so many members of the committee and the convention name so many," said Mr. Towse, "and then we will have a properly organized committee and not have four managers as we had in the last campaign."

Chairman Crabbe said he believed the chairman of the territorial central committee should be nominated or named by the candidates. Mr. Castro did not believe in a county committee. Let the territorial central committee be an advisory council, but in separate county matters the candidates in each should have the selection of their managers.

The drawing up of a plan to cover these suggestions will be done by Messrs. Towse, Breckons and Castro.

RIGHT OF WAY OF RAILROAD GRANTED

Acting-Governor Mott-Smith yesterday afternoon granted the long standing application of the Hilo Railroad for a right-of-way through the Big Island and city to the proposed new wharf. The application came up for final action before a conference of Attorney-General Lindsay, Marston Campbell, superintendent of public works, and L. A. Thurston, representing the railroad.

A new phase of the matter appeared at the conference in the matter of the leasehold held by Attorney Carl S. Carlsmith, of Hilo, on property near the head of the proposed wharf. Mr. Carlsmith leased the land from the Waikeke Mill Company and which had leased it from the government. His lease expired about the same time as that of the mill company. The land is necessary for the carrying out of the wharf scheme, and recently a board consisting of R. F. Forrest, tax collector of Hilo, H. B. Marston, of the First Trust Company, and R. W. Filler, superintendent of the Hilo Railroad Company, to value the sublease. The leasehold interest was appraised at \$2000. It is possible that the government may condemn the property.

UNDERPINNING OF CHANNEL WHARF IN BAD CONDITION

Both end approaches to the Channel wharf are to be put under lock and key by the harbor master, under instructions from the board of harbor commissioners. The board received a report from Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Wheeler showing that the wharf underpinning is now in very bad shape and that the ends would not stand heavy traffic. The commission does not wish to make expensive repairs to the wharf as there is still some uncertainty as to whether the Territory will continue to hold it, or the federal government will take it over as a portion of the war department holdings along the waterfront.

TAFT TO KEEP RIGHT ON FIGHTING

Claims Six Hundred Delegates to the Convention.

TEDDY WINS IN OHIO

Forty-Five Counties Are Carried by His Forces.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Taft headquarters here last night issued a statement bearing on the results of the Ohio State primaries, in which it is claimed for the President that he will have six hundred delegates at the Chicago convention. The statement also claims that Mr. Taft will capture the six delegates-at-large from his home State, when the convention meets in Columbus, June 3.

This pronouncement from the Taft camp came in direct answer to the one issued by Senator Dixon, head of the Roosevelt forces here, who urged Mr. Taft to withdraw from the race for the nomination at Chicago. Mr. Dixon quoted a statement issued by Mr. Taft several days ago, in which the President declared that the result in Ohio would decide the nomination.

Mr. Dixon's broadside at the Taft citadel came on the heels of the telegraphic returns from Columbus, announcing that Colonel Roosevelt had carried forty-five counties out of the fifty-nine then counted, and was assured of at least thirty-two delegates to the national convention.

Later in the day Mr. Dixon claimed that Colonel Roosevelt's majority in the county elections would give the control of the State convention to the Rough Rider, which would insure him the delegates at large, making a total of at least thirty-eight at the convention.

The State primary law of Ohio provides that each of the twenty-one congressional districts into which the State is divided, shall elect two delegates and two alternates direct to the Chicago convention. At the same primary, on another ballot the people vote for delegates to a State convention, which elects six delegates at large and nominates all of the State officers from the Governor down. One thousand delegates will meet at the Ohio State convention June 3.

In the Democratic column, Harmon will probably get thirty-five and Governor Wilson seven delegates.

Roosevelt's preferential majority is probably 2500. La Follette beat Taft in two counties. The La Follette strength was a surprise.

Taft is preparing to stump New Jersey.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 22.—It is believed that Governor Harmon's Democratic majority will exceed even that of Roosevelt in the Republican voting. Harmon carried the same number of counties.

The counties that Taft carried are all Democratic strongholds. The rural vote, as early returns indicated, was light.

Champ Clark and Bryan were given only scattering votes.

Taft carried his home district. Four out of five Republican congressmen were renominated. Fourteen Democrats out of eighteen districts were successful. Among the congressmen renominated was Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of Roosevelt.

OSTER BAY, New York, May 22.—Colonel Roosevelt today issued a statement saying that the result in Ohio settles the Republican nomination.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL INVESTIGATE SAN DIEGO RIOTS

SAN DIEGO, California, May 25.—With the announcement that Attorney-General Webb, of California, has started to investigate the recent riots in this city, more than two thousand vigilantes, organized to tar and feather Dr. Ben Reiman, companion of Emma Goldman, decided last night to disband at once. The matter came up at a secret meeting, at which the attitude taken by the Governor, and the appointment of the Attorney-General to probe the recent outrages, following the I. W. W. invasion and the so-called "free speech campaign" in San Diego, came up for much discussion. A demonstration, planned for tomorrow, has been called off.

Thronoma Prosecutor.

LOS ANGELES, California, May 23.—An anonymous letter has been received by Federal Prosecutor Dudley Robinson, warning him that he will be killed if he persists in his investigation of I. W. W. outrages in southern California.

JUDGE LINDBRY WINS

DENVER, Colorado, May 23.—Judge R. B. Lindbry, famous juvenile court originator and reformer, was today re-elected. The reform ticket lost the Democratic by 50,000 votes.